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COMPLETE SPECIFICATION.

Improvements in or relating to Vibratory Mountings.

We, RUSSELL CONSTRUCTIONS LIMITED, a British Company, of Russell House, Adam Street, Adelphi, London, W.C.2, do hereby declare the invention, for which we pray 5 that a patent may be granted to us, and the method by which it is to be performed, to be particularly described in and by the following statement:-

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is displaced laterally by the vibration, with a shearing action, and that the vibration is circular or at least has a circular component due to the relation of the plane of rotation of the out-of-balance weight or weights to the plane of movement of the vibratory

The following is a description, by way of example, of certain forms of vibratory 10 mounting according to the invention:

In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1 is a diagrammatic side elevation of one form of sieve in accordance with the invention;

Figure 2 is a plan of the same;

Figure 3 is a side elevation of another

Figure 4 is a side elevation of a third

Figure 5 is a detail to a larger scale of the sieve assembly of Figure 4;

Figure 6 is a plan of a fourth type of sieve according to this invention;

Figure 7 is a side elevation of the same; Figure 8 is a side elevation of a fifth

form; Figure 9 is an end view of another form; Figure 10 is a plan of the same;

Figure 11 is a side elevation of an ad-30 justable motor mounting;

Figure 12 is an end elevation of a ball

Figure 13 is a side elevation of the same;

Figure 14 is a side elevation, partly in 35 section, of a low built sieve;

Figure 15 is a plan of the same;

Figure 16 is a vertical section through a portable sieve driven by an internal combustion engine; and

Figure 17 is a plan of the same.

Referring to Figure 1, a base is provided, consisting of four angle-iron legs 11, united by a square angle-iron frame at the top 12 and by horizontal angle-iron tie-bars 13 at 45 a lower level. Welded between the frame and the tie-bars, in the centre of opposite sides, is a vertical plate 14 and each of the vertical plates 14 supports an electrical motor 15, arranged with its shaft 16 verti-

On the upper face of the square frame 12 there is welded a seating 17 made from a sheet metal ring the edges of which are curved upwardly, so that in section the ring 17 is almost semi-circular. In this curved seating there rests a gently-inflated rubber ring 18, like the inner tube of a motor-car tyre. On the rubber ring there rests another metal seating 19 like the first seating 17, 60 but inverted. The upper seating 19 carries a number of vertical fins 20, welded in place, and having horizontal upper edges which support a stout horizontal flat metal ring 21 forming a holder for a stainless-steel funnel 65 22. The funnel 22 is conical, with a down-

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ward discharge pipe 23, in the centre and it can be lifted out of its holder 21 for cleaning when desired. The metal ring 21 which forms a holder for the funnel has, welded outside its outer edge at two places, brackets 24 of heavy channel-section steel, disposed with upper and lower flanges facing outwardly. Within this ring 21 and above the funnel 22 there may be placed a circular sieve-frame 26 and the ring 21 carries dogs 27 for clamping the sieve in position. Standing up from the edges of the sieve is a circular thin sheet-metal rim 28 to retain in place any powdered material which may be placed upon it for treatment. The sievesurface is indicated at 29, Figure 2.

The ring 21 on which the sieve-frame 26 is mounted forms the frame which is to be vibrated. In order to effect the vibration, the brackets 24 have upper and lower outwardly-projecting arms which each carry a horizontal ball-bearing and between the ball-bearings a short vertical shaft 30 is mounted, on which is an out-of-balance weight 31. The shafts 30 are arranged in line with the two motors 15 mounted on the base 11 and are connected to them by short lengths of stout rubber tube 32 and hoseclips 33, the rubber tubes 32 acting as flexible couplings. It is necessary to synchronise the motors 15 and out-of-balance weights 31 so as to arrange for the out-of-balance weights to take up and remain in a predetermined phase relationship with each other. This may be done by interconnect- 100 ing them, either by sprockets and chains or a notched belt (as hereinafter described) or by connecting shafts and gearing. If desired however, only one motor and out-ofbalance weight may be used. It will be 105 noted that the sieve 29 and the vibrating frame 21 are not fixed in place except by resting on the inflated rubber tube 18. It has been found that this mounting is quite secure, even at very high speeds of rotation 110 of the out-of-balance weights, up to nearly 3,000 revolutions per minute.

The following figures give the results of a trial of a sieve constructed as above described, using only one out-of-balance weight 115 at a speed of 2850 revolutions per minute and a stainless steel-mesh sieve of 150 meshes per lineal inch. The material treated was potato starch and comparative figures are given for a standard rod-mounted sieve, 120 run at its regular speed of 1450 revolutions per minute. In each case, flour was fed on to the sieve surface continuously for one minute and the weight of the throughput measured. Several runs were made on the 125 standard machine first and then the sieve frame 26 with its sieve 29, which had become blinded by the starch on the standard machine, was transferred as it was to the machine according to this invention, and 130

tests continued there with the same material and for the same time at each run. following table shows the results:-

		TABLE	
5		Standard	Standard
		Machine,	Machine
	Test No.	Throughput:	Throughput:
	1	17 lbs.	24 lbs.
	2	4 "	32 "
10	3	3 "	31 ,
	4	3 2	34
	5	2	35 "
	6	2	36 "
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Starch flour is very liable to blind the sieve and it will be noted that the sieve on the standard machine rapidly became blinded and when blinded, as in Tests 2 to 7 inclusive, had very low output. This machine could not owing to its heavy construction be run faster than 1450 R.P.M. The new machine, although it was started with a blinded sieve, rapidly cleared itself, and the output rose with each run to a maximum of 36 lbs. per minute. Moreover the horsepower required for the new machine was only 1/3 H.P. against 3/4 H.P. for the old machine.

It has been found that the air-pressure in the inflated tube has a distinct bearing on the output of the machine. Using a machine of similar proportions to those shown in Figures 1 and 2 and a sieve surface 22 inches in diameter and made of stainless steel mesh 35 of 100 wires to each lineal inch, at 2900 revolutions per minute of the out-of-balance weights, standard flour was treated on the sieve at various different pressures of inflation, and the following results obtained:—

40			Throughput
	Test	Air Pressure in	in $l_{\frac{1}{4}}$
	No.	Inflated Tube:	minutes:
	1	1 lb. per sq. inch	14 lbs.
	2	1½ lbs. per sq. inch	16½ Ibs.
45	3	2 lbs. per sq. inch	17 3 lbs.
	4	2½ lbs. per sq. inch	19 ⁻ lbs.

When the air pressure was further increased the machine vibrated and output fell, but it was found there was a stage at 50 4 lbs. per square inch when the machine ran well but the output was only the same as at 2½ lbs. per square inch, viz: 19 lbs. in 90 seconds. For these tests the rubber tube was covered with a non elastic fabric sock to prevent it from bulging too much at the higher pressures. In any particular case, it is recommended that the best pressure for the machine and its load should be determined by a simple preliminary trial.

It is further possible to dilate the tube by means of a liquid instead of a gas. If just

enough water to dilate the rubber tube fully is pumped in, it is found that, results very similar to those using air pressure at, say 1½ lbs. per square inch, are obtained.

Various modifications are contemplated as possible within the scope of the invention, and some of these are shown in the other Figures.

Referring to Figure 3, this shows a frame 11 having a horizontal frame 12 which supports a ring-shaped seating 17. In this is seated an inflated rubber ring 18 and on this ring 18 there rests an upper seating 19 which supports a funnel 22 and sieve 29 in a similar way to the construction of Figures 1 and 2. As before there are brackets 24 which support rotatable out-of-balance weights, but in this case the weights are enclosed.

These are two main differences from the construction of Figures 1 and 2. In the first place the outer wall of the seating ring 17 is extended upward and the inner wall of seating 19 is extended downward, so that the central zone dividing between them is inclined instead of being horizontal, as shown by the two chain-lines 38. In the second place there is only a single motor 35 for driving both out-of-balance weights. This motor is connected, through flexible couplings 36, 37 to the out-of-balance weight on the shaft 30 which is directly above it. It is connected to the out-of-balance weight on the other side of the machine by a notched belt 40 running on appropriate sprockets 41, 42 and the sprocket 42 is mounted on a shaft 43 connected to the weight in the bracket 24 above it, by flexible couplings 46, 47 similar to the couplings 36, 37 in the 100 left-hand side of the Figure. Making the zone between the seatings inclined and conical as shown, causes the sieve to have a combined orbital and rocking movement which is sometimes advantageous in prevent- 105 ing blinding of the meshes of the sieve. The notched belt keeps the vibrators in synchron-

Figure 4 shows a machine with a frame 11 and a square horizontal upper frame 12 110 as before, but in addition there is a lower square horizontal frame 52. The upper frame has seatings and an air cushion 18 similar to Figure 1 and the lower frame has seatings and an air cushion 48. Between 115 these seatings there is a framework 49 formed of vertical rods which unite the upper members of the seatings of the air cushions 18 and 48 and in this framework there is supported an assembly of sieves 120 which is shown in more detail in Figure 5. The assembly is caused to vibrate in an orbital horizontal path by a motor 35 similar to the motor 35 in Figure 3 which drives two pulleys 41, 42 by means of a notched 125 belt 40, as already described. The pulleys

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run on vertical shafts 53, 54 and drive outof-balance weights in brackets 55, 56 attached to the lower part of the frame just above the air cushion 48. This drive takes place through flexible couplings 57, 58 on the pulley shafts 53, 54. In addition there are other brackets 65, 66 attached to the upper part of the frame and containing outof-balance weights which are driven by 10 shafts 67, 68 coupled to the shafts 57, 58 below them. As the out-of-balance weights are all kept in synchronism the whole assembly is capable of vibrating orbitally in a horizontal plane. A sieve assembly shown in Figure 5 consists of a number of units 70 mounted one on top of the other on the funnel 22. Each sieve assembly 70 comprises a flat funnel 71 having a central depending chute 72 and supporting a woven wire sifting septum 73. The funnel 71 is supported from a dish-shaped member 75 which is somewhat larger in diameter than the septum 73 and serves to catch the oversize. Above the dish-shaped member 75 25 there is an upstanding wall 76 which supports the dish-shaped member of the sieve section above it. The oversize falls through an aperture 77 in the member 75 on to the septum of the section below and is there-30 fore re-screened. The undersize goes into the central chute 72 and eventually falls into an outlet chute 78. The final oversize falls into a separate outlet chute 79.

Figures 6, 7 and 8 show in diagrammatic 35 form a support for a rectangular sieve comprising an outer frame 80 and a sifting septum 81. The underside of the frame 80 carries a seating 82 which is in the form of an elongated oval figure with flat sides and rests on an inflated rubber tube 83. This in turn rests on a lower seating 84 supported by an angle-iron framework 85 hav-

ing an inclined upper surface.

The form shown in Figures 6 and 7 dif-45 fers a little in detail from the form shown in vertical cross-section in Figure 8. In Figures 6 and 7 there are two motors 86 which drive out-of-balance weights enclosed in brackets 87 on the two sides of the said frame. In Figure 8, as before there are two brackets 87 which enclose out-of-balance weights but these are driven by a single motor 88 in the base of the machine which operates a belt drive 89 to a vertical shaft 55 90 coupled to one of the out-of-balance weights. There is a notched belt drive 91 to a second vertical shaft 92 which operates the other out-of-balance weight.

Below the frame 80 there is a funnel 93 60 leading to an outlet 94. This rectangular screen is intended for draining sludgy liquids and the water drains out at 94 while the solids pass over the lower end of the

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a circular sieve having a septum 29 which is supported by a circular seating 19 from an inflated annulus 18 resting on a lower seating 17 in a similar way to Figures 1 and 2. The difference is that there are three brackets 24 containing out-of-balance weights and they are all set so as to be slightly inclined to the axis of the sieve 29. They are driven by shafts 32 and flexible couplings from a single motor 35 which is connected to all the shafts 32 by a notched belt drive 100. As can be seen from the plan Figure 10 the notched belt 100 is passed behind tensioning wheels 101 which help to ensure that there is no tendency to slip. The inclined disposition of the outof-balance weights gives a combined orbital and rocking movement to the septum 29.

Figure 11 shows a frame 11 which supports a lower seating 17 on which rests an inflated rubber ring 18 supporting an upper seating 19, the zone of division between the two seatings being inclined as in the case of Figure 3. On this structure there is supported a funnel 22 and a wire mesh screen 29 resting on a ring 26 as before. The out-of-balance weight in the bracket 24, however, instead of being attached directly to the ring 26 is secured by bolts and nuts 106, 107 to a circular back plate 108 on the ring 26 and the back plate is provided with quadrantal slots 109 which permit the angle of the shaft which drives the out-of-balance weight to be adjusted. A motor 15 drives the out-of-balance weight as before through 100 a rubber flexible connection 36 and a motor is mounted on a plate 110 having quadrantal slots 111 which permit the assembly of motor and out-of-balance weight to be adjusted angularly, as shown by the chain line 105 views 112, 113. It will be noted that in all the positions of adjustment shown, the outof-balance weight has an orbital component of movement in the plane of the central zone of the rubber inflated ring 18.

Coming to Figures 12 and 13, these show an application of the same type of mounting to the support of a ball mill 120. As before there is a frame 11 which supports a seating 17 for an inflated ring 18 and the 115 ring 18 supports an upper seating 19 on which is a frame 121. The frame 121 supports the ball mill 120 and the mill is able to rotate while it is being agitated by outof-balance weights in brackets 24. There is 120 a motor 35 which operates one of the outof-balance weights directly and the other through pulleys 41, 42 and the notched belt 40. A second shaft 43 which is driven by the notched belt is also extended down- 125 wardly to the gear box 130 containing a reduction gear which operates a pulley 131 and drives the ball mill 120 through a belt 132 and a pulley 133. A jockey pulley 134 Figures 9 and 10 show another version of is carried by a lever 135 and is drawn by a 130

spring 136 on to the back of the belt 132 to keep it taut.

Referring now to Figures 14 and 15 these show a machine which is low-built, so that it can stand close to floor level and receive, for example, drainings from a tank which owing to the low level of the straining septum, can flow on to it by gravity. This is possible with the present invention because. unlike previous constructions, long vertical suspension rods are not called for.

In these figures the inflated ring 18 and lower and upper seatings 17 and 19 are similar to what has already been described. Out-15 of-balance weights are located in casings 24 and are driven by shafts 30, kept in synchronism by a notched belt 40. The sieve 29 is similar to that shown in Figure 3. The difference is that the lower ring 17 forms part of a casting which acts as a circular frame member and rests on four short legs 140. The motor 141 is secured to a bracket 142 which stands up from the frame-member, and the drive belt 143 of the motor, and 25 pulley 144 are below the motor close to the ground. This affords adequate length for the shafts 30 without requiring the casings 24 to be raised much above ground level.

Figures 16 and 17 show a machine which is designed so as to be as light as possible and readily portable. A light angle-iron ring 150 rests on tubular legs 115, the feet 152 of which are telescopic so as to be adjustable for uneven ground. On the ring 35 150 there is welded a hollow steel ring 153 and this supports a rubber tube 154 on which rests a casing 155 which supports a frame 156 for a sieve 29. The casing 156 is shaped to form a hollow ring portion 157 which 40 rests on the rubber tube 154. It will be noted that in this case the zone of division between the seatings 153 and 157 is inclined, as in Figure 3. Around the casing 156 is an angle iron ring 158 and to this is bolted a casing 159 for an out-of-balance weight driven by shaft 160 through a flexible hose connection 161 from a petrol motor 162. The motor 162 is a light weight

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ported between two of the legs 151. So constructed, the whole machine is too light to be quite steady when operating, if the tube 154 is inflated with air, but if it is 55 filled with water, this will add about 45 lbs. to the weight and the machine will operate satisfactorily.

motor of the kind frequently used on small

power-driven lawn mowers and it is sup-

WHAT WE CLAIM IS:-

1. In or for a screen or other vibratory apparatus the combination of a vibratory frame, a ring-shaped seating thereon, a base having a ring-shaped seating opposed to the seating on the frame the frame being mounted on the base and supported there-65 on by means of a resilient deformable ring

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2. A screen or other vibratory apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein the seatings are of arcuate section and embrace portions of the resilient deformable ring of cor- 85 respondingly arcuate section.

3. A screen or other vibratory apparatus as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the resilient annulus is hollow and filled with a fluid, either a gas or a liquid.

4. A screen or other vibratory apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding claims wherein the resilient annulus bears the entire weight of the vibratory frame.

5. A screen or other vibratory apparatus 95 as claimed in any one of the preceding claims wherein a plurality of out-of-balance weights are located around the seatings or within the ring formed by the seatings, which weights are operated in synchronised phase- 100 relationship with one another.

6. Apparatus as claimed in claim 5 wherein the out-of-balance weights are maintained in proper phase relationship by a notched belt and pulleys which connect 105 them together.

7. A screen having the features claimed in any one of the preceding claims wherein the screen surface is horizontal.

8. Apparatus as claimed in claim 7 110 wherein there are two co-axial sets of annular seatings and resilient rings, one above the other, and wherein an assembly of a plurality of screens delivering material one to another in cascade is mounted within the 115 annuli.

9. Apparatus having the features of any one of claims 1 to 6 inclusive wherein the screen surface is elongated and inclined so as to be higher at one end than the other.

10. Apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 6 inclusive, wherein the upper of the annular seatings has a wall extended more deeply downward on the inner side than on the outer and wherein the lower 125 seating has a wall extending higher upward on the outer side than on the inner side.

11. Apparatus as claimed in claim 3 or any claim as dependent thereon, wherein the resilient annulus is filled with water.

12. Apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding claims wherein the seatings and the resilient annulus between them are located on a low frame so as to be close to the ground and the drive is effected by a belt from the underside of a motor mounted on the frame, so that the shafts of the out-of-balance weights have adequate length notwithstanding the low frame.

13. Apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein the seatings and deformable ring are mounted on a light frame and driven by a petrol or like portable engine.

14. Apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 6 inclusive wherein the vibratory apparatus mounted on the ring is a

mill of the type having a rotary casing and internal grinding elements such as balls or

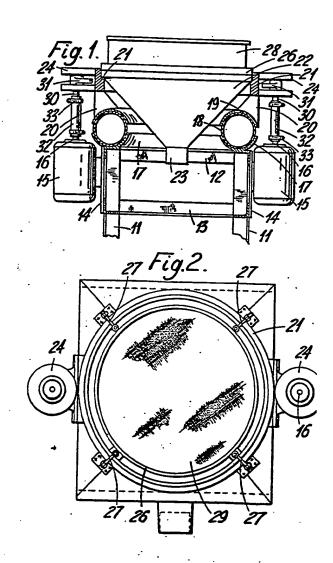
15. Apparatus substantially as described with reference to and as shown in Figures 1 and 2, Figure 3, Figures 4 and 5, Figures 6 to 8 inclusive, Figures 9 and 10, Figure 11, Figures 12 and 13 or Figures 14 and 15 or Figures 16 and 17 hereof.

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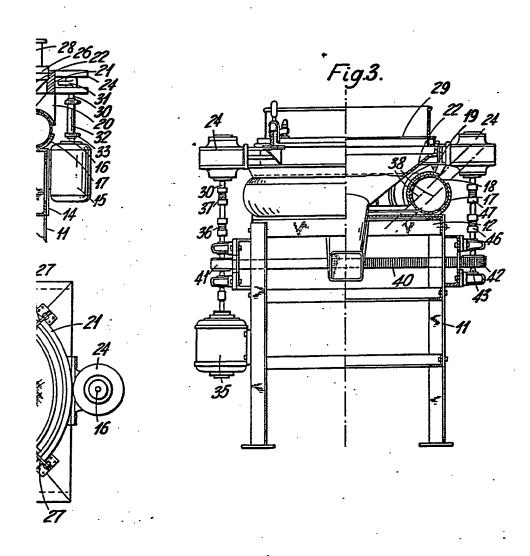


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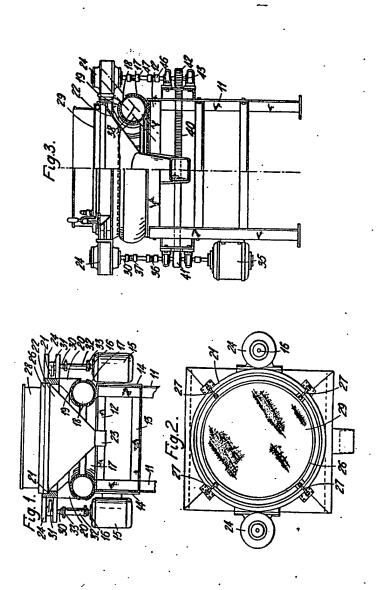
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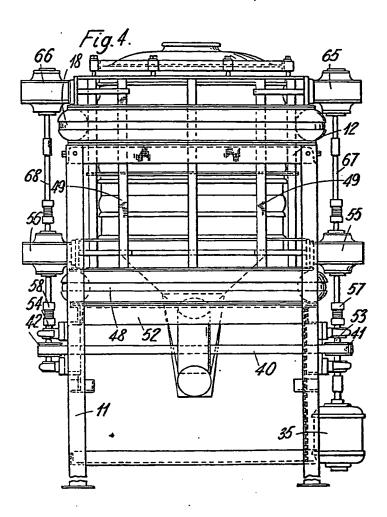
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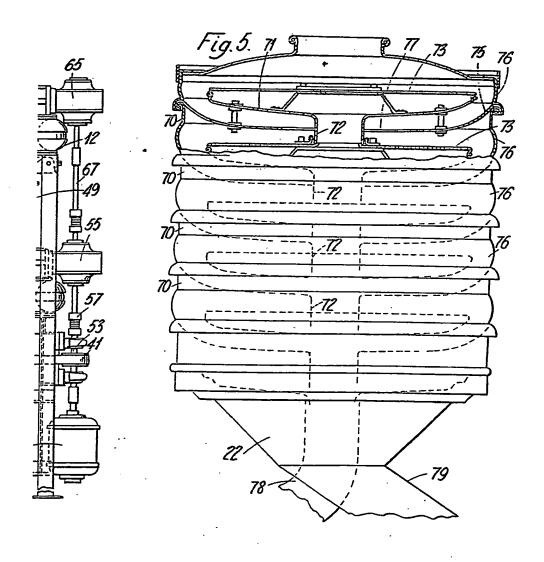
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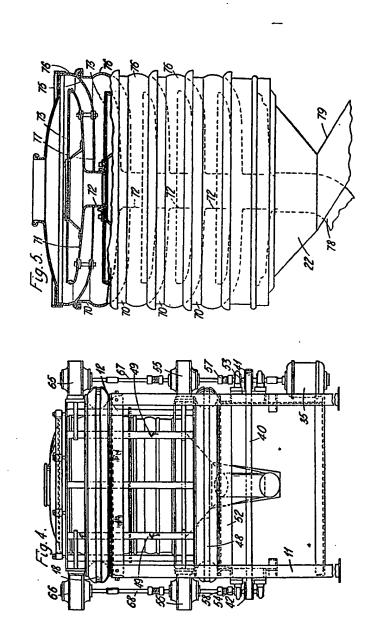
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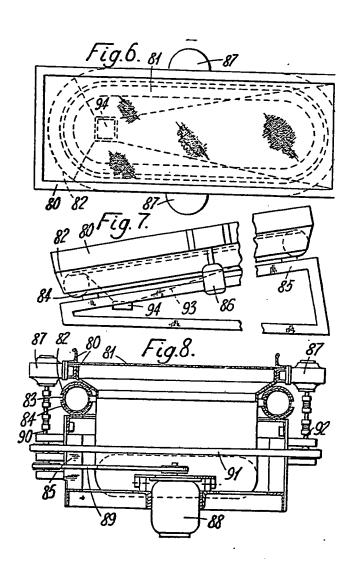
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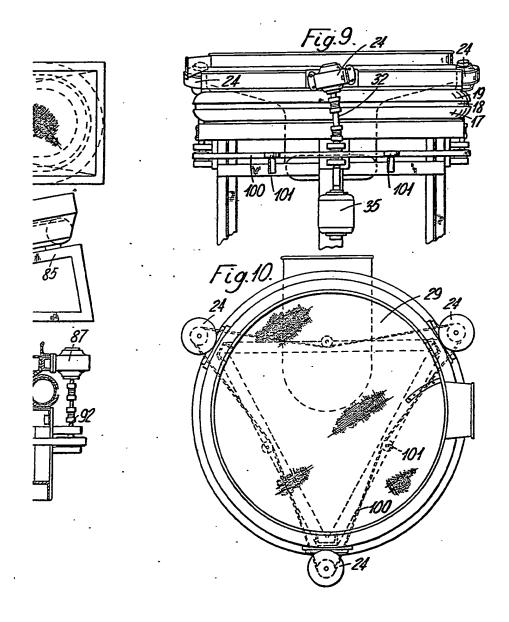
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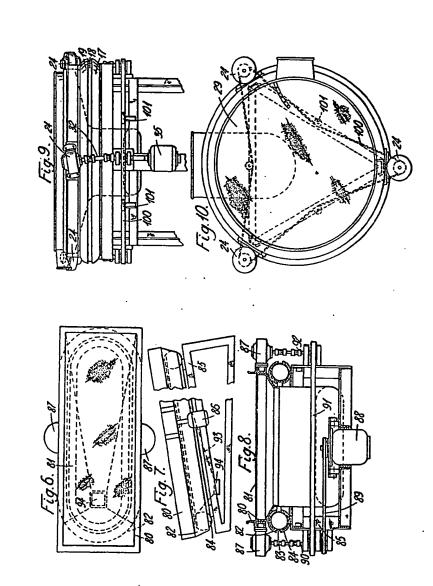
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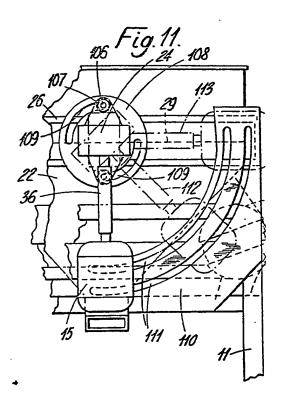
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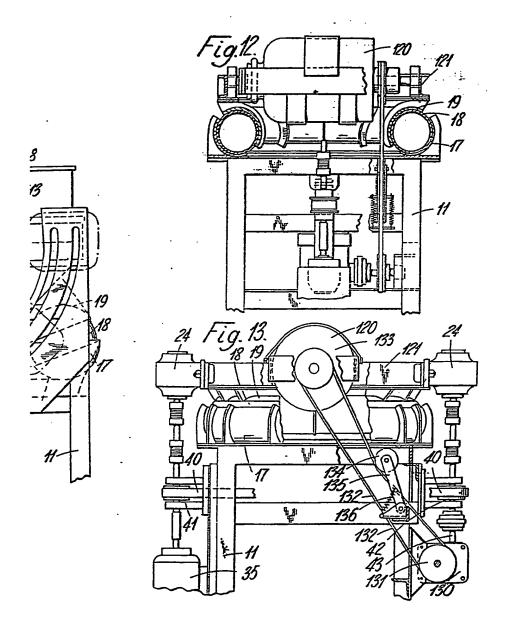




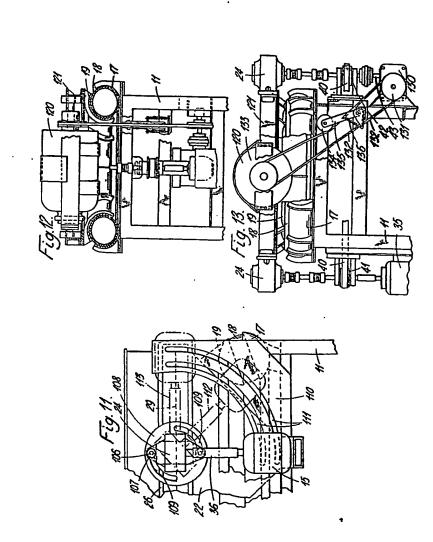
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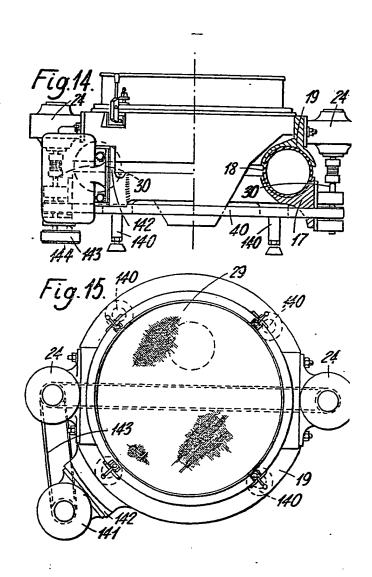
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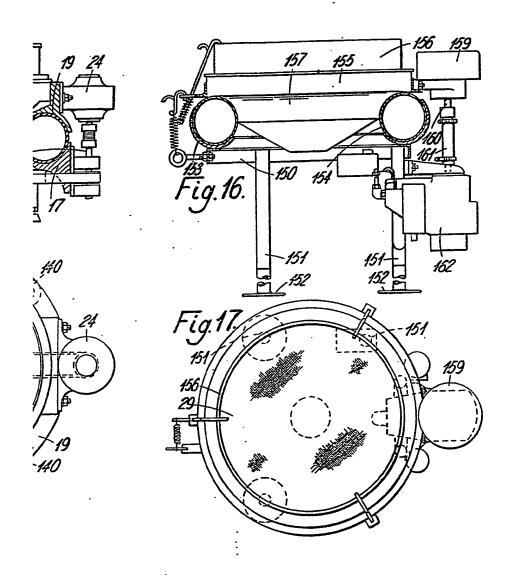


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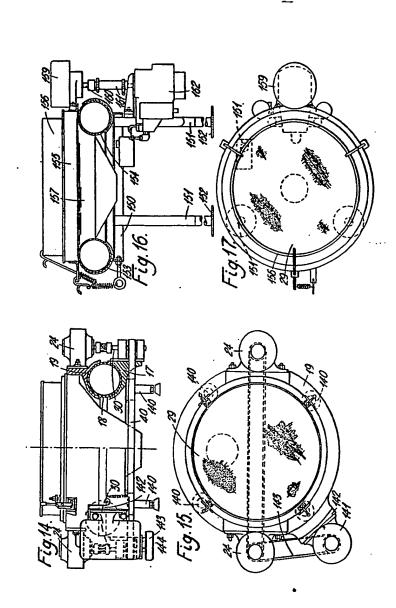
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